

REMARKS

1. Preliminary Matters

a. Status of the Claims

Claims 17-22 are pending in this application, and are all allowed. Claim 17 is amended. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and remarks made herein into the file history of the application. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 17-22 will be in allowed and proper form.

b. Amendments to the Claims

The amendment to claim 17 solely corrects a typographical error, and does not relate to the patentability of the claim.

c. Objections

(1) Computer Readable Form

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the Sequence Listing because the Computer Readable Form ("CRF") allegedly is not saved in ASCII text. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

A CRF satisfying the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 has already been submitted. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.824, a CRF submitted via compact disk is acceptable in compressed, self-extracting format if the CRF file will decompress into an ASCII file on a MS-Windows system. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.824(a)(4). The CRF submitted on June 26, 2008 (the "Submitted CRF") is a compressed, self-extracting file and is designated with the extension ".exe". Opening this compressed CRF file decompresses the .exe file into the required ASCII ".txt" file. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Submitted CRF is in proper format under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Submitted CRF be entered, and the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the Sequence Listing.

(2) Claim 17

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claim 17 for including a typographical error. Amended claim 17 corrects this error. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to claim 17.

2. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in good and proper order for publication as a patent. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite completion of the prosecution in the instant application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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